



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 4420**  
Takaaki HASHIMOTO et al. : Attorney Docket No. 2004\_1399A  
Serial No. 10/507,302 : Group Art Unit 1724  
Filed September 10, 2004 : Examiner Peter A. Hruskoci  
METHOD FOR TREATING : **Mail Stop AF**  
WASTE WATER

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED  
TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE  
FEE FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT  
ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975.

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of January 19, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**RESPONSE UNDER 37.CFR.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP 1724**